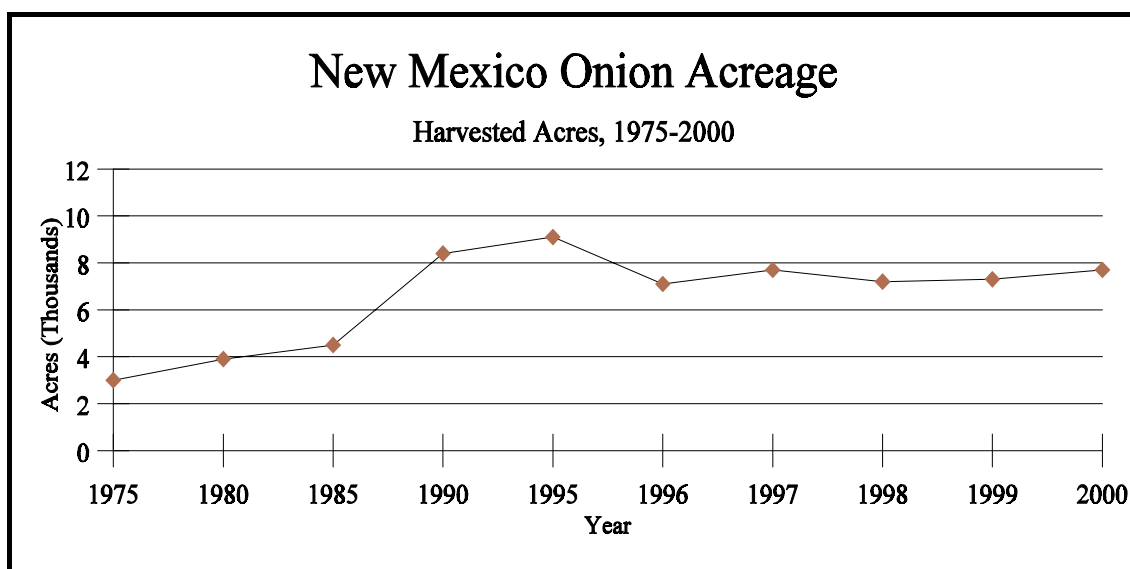


ONIONS: New Mexico onion growers produced just over 3.5 million hundredweight in 2000, up 7.8 percent from 1999. The rise in production is the result of an increase of harvested acreage to 7,700 acres, and the increase in average yield to 460 hundredweight per acre. Despite the increase in production, the value of the 2000 crop fell 38 percent from the previous year due to a drop in prices.

The major varieties of commercially grown New Mexico onions include Grano, Granex, Sweet Spanish, and mid-summer hybrids such as the popular Nu-Mex variety. Most of the state's onions are non-storage types and during our peak summer harvest period, New Mexico is a major supplier for the nation. Harvest usually begins in late May and continues through September.



Onions: Monthly Prices Received

Year	June	July	August	September
-----Dollars Per 100 Lbs.-----				
1975	15.00	18.40	15.00	13.80
1980	9.00	9.00	9.80	---
1985	9.60	21.50	9.80	7.50
1990	10.40	9.55	9.00	8.50
1995	11.70	14.80	11.40	---
1996	12.40	14.40	14.00	---
1997	16.50	14.30	12.10	---
1998	12.40	14.00	12.10	---
1999	16.60	16.60	12.60	---
2000	11.30	7.80	11.90	---